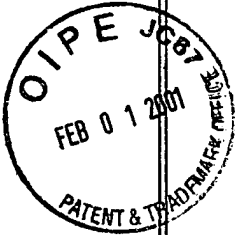


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time to file a response to the Office communication dated November 27, 2000. Applicants also authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4709 in an amount of \$110.00 for this Petition. This Petition and the response to the Office communication are being filed within one month of the shortened statutory period.

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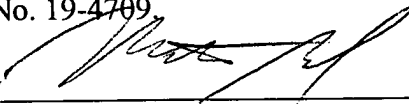
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